



**SELECTED HEALTH INDICATORS CONCERNING LIVE BIRTHS
CALIFORNIA, 1992 - 2001
(BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE)**



HEALTH INDICATOR	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Number of Births	600,838	584,483	567,034	551,226	538,628	524,174	521,265	518,073	531,285	527,371
Birth Rate ¹	18.9	18.3	17.6	17.1	16.6	15.9	15.6	15.3	15.4	15.2
Teen Birth Rate - <15 ^a	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.5	1.3	1.1	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.6
Teen Birth Rate - 15-19 ^a	71.7	71.3	70.2	67.2	61.6	56.7	53.6	50.2	48.1	45.1
Percent Low Birthweight ²	5.9	6.0	6.2	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.2	6.1	6.2	6.3
Percent Very Low Birthweight ²	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.1
Percent Prenatal Care in First Trimester ²	75.1	76.8	77.7	79.0	80.6	81.8	82.4	83.6	84.5	85.4
Percent Late or No Prenatal Care ²	5.3	5.0	4.9	4.6	3.8	3.7	3.6	3.2	3.1	2.9
Percent of Mothers with 12+ Years of Education ²	64.6	65.0	65.2	66.0	66.5	67.8	69.0	69.6	70.2	70.3
Percent Cesarean Births ²	21.6	21.3	20.8	20.6	20.6	21.0	21.7	22.7	23.4	25.1
Percent Unmarried ²	34.2	35.1	35.6	32.1	31.4	33.0 ^b	32.8 ^b	32.9 ^b	32.7 ^b	32.7 ^b
Percent Hispanic Mothers ²	43.9	45.0	45.6	46.2	47.4	47.7	47.8	48.4	48.8	49.8
Percent Foreign Born Mothers ²	44.4	44.8	44.5	44.5	45.3	44.9	44.0 ^c	44.6 ^c	45.7 ^c	46.3 ^c
Infant Mortality Rate	6.9	6.8	7.0	6.3	5.9	5.9	5.7	5.4	5.4	5.3

¹ 1992-2000 Population: E-2 Reports, Population Estimates for California State and Counties. 2001 Population: Population Estimates for California State and Counties, Report E-2, January 2002. Population data for 2001 are provisional.

² Unknown cases were subtracted from totals before percentages were calculated.

^a 1990-1996 Population: 1970-1996 Race/Ethnic Population Estimates by County with Age and Sex detail, January 1998. 1997 Population: Population Estimates by Age, Race/Ethnicity and Sex, June 1999. 1998 Population: Population Estimates by Age, Race/Ethnicity and Sex. May 2000. 1999 - 2001 Population: 1999-2040 Population Projections by Age, Sex and Race/Ethnicity, December 1998.

^b Starting in 1997 marital status was no longer inferred. Due to this change there were 16,712 cases in 1997 coded unknown.

^c Due to a coding error from 1998-2001 up to 5 times the normal amount of cases were coded unknown.

Note: Birth rate is per 1,000 population; teen rates are per 1,000 females of specified ages.

Low birthweight is under 2,500 grams; very low birthweight is under 1,500 grams.

Late prenatal care is that beginning in the third trimester.

Infant mortality rate is deaths to infants under one year of age per 1,000 live births.

Source: Population Data: State of California, Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit.
State of California, Department of Health Services, Birth and Death Records.

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